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Paul Wadeson
Wadeson Mini Mall
2801 Route 67
Hancock, New York 13783-9404

Subject: Inquiry about Collecting Minerals And Fossils

Dear Mr. Wadeson:

On March 30, 2010, I received your note dated March 25, 2010, about collecting minerals and fossils in Utah. I have tried unsuccessfully to contact you by telephone.

Hand collecting of minerals and fossils does not require a permit from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) so long as there is no significant disturbance. Use of any mechanized equipment does require that you file a Notice of Intention and a reclamation surety prior to beginning any operations.

Although you may not need a permit from DOGM, you would probably need approval from the land owner or land managing agency, such as the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, or the State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Contact information for these agencies is available on the Internet, or I can provide addresses and telephone numbers for specific offices.

If you need further information, please call me at 801-538-5261, or I can be reached by electronic mail at paulbaker@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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